



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Manager Guide Released: A new guide for Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Managers (primary care providers) has been released. The guide outlines the duties of the patient manager. [Access the guide here.](#)

Medically Exempt Toolkit Released: A toolkit has been recently released to help stakeholders and providers understand the medically exempt process. The toolkit reviews the definition of medically exempt, outlines benefits and includes instructions and tips for completing the provider referral form. [Access the toolkit here.](#)

County Enrollment for Iowa Health and Wellness Plan: Enrollment information for individual counties for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan has been released. Enrollment information is current as of February 28, 2014. Three maps were released, the first outlining total program enrollment, the second outlining specific Iowa Wellness Plan enrollment and the third outlining specific Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan enrollment. [Access the maps here.](#)

Reminder: Public Comment Period Ends March 8: The Iowa Department of Human Services previously announced the public comment period related to the update on the differences between the 1115 Waivers sent to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in August 2013 and what was approved in December 2013. **The public comment period closes on March 8, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** See the [full notice for additional details](#) and instructions for submitting comments.

Health Insurance Marketplace

CMS Announces Second Round of Webinars on the Health Insurance Marketplace: The CMS Regional Office in Kansas City has announced that they are hosting a second round of webinars on the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Marketplace 101 Webinar (for new assistors or as a refresher)

Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 and Monday, March 17, 2014

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am CDT on both dates

*Registration is not required

Join the webinar at <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/cmsregion7marketplacetraining/>

Call-in Number: (877) 267-1577/ Meeting # : 998 062 786; (Access ID #: just press the # key – there is no Access ID number)

Marketplace Updates Webinar (for experienced assistors)

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2014 and Thursday, March 13, 2014

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm CDT on both dates

*Registration is not required

Join the webinar at <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/cmsregion7marketplacetraining/>

Call-in Number: (877) 267-1577/ Meeting # : 999 659 578; (Access ID #: just press the # key – there is no Access ID number)

Outreach and Education Stakeholders Workgroup: The Outreach and Education Stakeholders Workgroup will meet next on Thursday, March 6 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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